



TOWN OF  
VICTORIA PARK



# Mindeera Advisory Group Agenda – 22 February 2023



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## 1 Opening

### Acknowledgement of country

*Ngany kaaditj Noongar moort keny kaadak nidja Wadjak Noongar boodja. Ngany kaaditj nidja Noongar birdiya – koora, ye-ye, boorda, baalapiny moorditj Noongar kaaditjin, moort, wer boodja ye-ye.*

I acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land and respect past, present and emerging leaders, their continuing cultural heritage, beliefs and relationship with the land, which continues to be important today.

## 2 Attendance

### **Mindeera Group Representatives**

Murray Masters (Deputy Chair)  
Gerard Siero  
Jordanna Rebbeck  
Flavia Pardini  
Xanthe Shaw  
Amber Ugle-Hayward  
Cr Jesvin Karimi  
Cr Vicki Potter  
Cr Peter Devereux

### **Manager Community Coordinator Community**

Paul Gravett  
Annie Withrow

### **Meeting secretary**

Megan Jaceglav

### **Presenters**

Rosemary Ritorto  
Natalie Martin-Goode

### **Observers**

Nil

### **Apologies**

Kelsi Forrest (Chair)  
Roni Forrest  
Stephanie Ludekens

### 3 Presentations

#### 3.1 Local History Week

<b>Time</b>	20 minutes
<b>Presenter</b>	Rosemary Ritorto
<b>Attachments</b>	Nil

#### Purpose of the item

To seek input on the best way to integrate and represent Noongar culture and history in the Town.

#### Outcome

Input into local history awards and stories by Advisory Group members.

#### Strategic outcomes

Social	
Community priority	Intended public value outcome or impact
S3 - Facilitating an inclusive community that celebrates diversity.	Ensuring that the Town continues to be a place that promotes awareness, understanding and appreciation of diverse cultures.
S4 - Improving access to arts, history, culture and education.	Providing opportunities for residents to engage in events that promote cultural heritage and knowledge.

### 3.2 Planning and Feedback in the Town

<b>Time</b>	20 minutes
<b>Presenter</b>	Natalie Martin-Goode
<b>Attachments</b>	1. Planning Presentation Mindeera Feb 22 [ <b>3.2.1</b> - 12 pages]

#### Purpose of the item

To clarify the process for planning decisions in the Town and the optimal space for Advisory Group Engagement.

#### Outcome

Timely and appropriate Advisory group engagement in Town planning initiatives.

#### Strategic outcomes

<b>Civic Leadership</b>	
Community priority	Intended public value outcome or impact
CL3 - Accountability and good governance.	Engage the Community in Town priorities

## 4 Items for discussion

### 4.1 On the Table

<b>Reporting officer</b>	Reconciliation Officer
<b>Origin of request</b>	Ongoing Agenda Item
<b>Attachments</b>	Nil

### Purpose of the item

To provide an opportunity for Advisory Group members to share feedback, generate ideas and facilitate discussion on matters of reconciliation and indigenous significance in the Town.

### Outcome

To provide space for deliberation and innovation.

### Discussion points

- Conversation from the Table
- Mindeera Spring
- Causeway Project

### Strategic outcomes

<b>Civic Leadership</b>	
<b>Community priority</b>	<b>Intended public value outcome or impact</b>
CL2 - Communication and engagement with the community.	To encourage and enable the community to actively take part in and contribute to Town and community led projects.

<b>Social</b>	
<b>Community priority</b>	<b>Intended public value outcome or impact</b>
S3 - Facilitating an inclusive community that celebrates diversity.	To enable the community to be informed and engaged in the Town's reconciliation process.

### Next steps

Nil.

### Further information

Nil.

## 4.2 Reconciliation Action Plan

<b>Reporting officer</b>	Reconciliation Officer
<b>Origin of request</b>	Ongoing Agenda Item
<b>Attachments</b>	Nil.

### Purpose of the item

To include the group in processes that inform the development of the Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan.

### Outcome

To provide the group with an update on RAP progress and next steps in consultation.

### Discussion points

- Next Steps

### Strategic outcomes

<b>Civic Leadership</b>	
<b>Community priority</b>	<b>Intended public value outcome or impact</b>
CL2 - Communication and engagement with the community.	To encourage and enable the community to actively take part in reconciliation initiatives.

<b>Social</b>	
<b>Community priority</b>	<b>Intended public value outcome or impact</b>
S2 - Collaborating to ensure everyone has a place to call home.	To enable the community to be informed and engaged in the Town's reconciliation process.

### Next steps

To continue to update and include group on plan developments.

### Further information

Nil.



### 4.3 26 January

<b>Reporting officer</b>	Reconciliation Officer
<b>Origin of request</b>	Ongoing Agenda Item
<b>Attachments</b>	Nil.

### Purpose of the item

Continue discussion from previous meetings.

### Outcome

Deliberate on approach towards 26 January this year and changes for forthcoming RAP.

### Discussion points

- Town approach
- Integration of this item in Innovate RAP

### Strategic outcomes

Social	
Community priority	Intended public value outcome or impact
S3 - Facilitating an inclusive community that celebrates diversity.	To ensure the community are kept informed and engaged on key stakeholder issues.
S4 - Improving access to arts, history, culture and education.	To ensure opportunities are provided for the community to deepen their understanding of matters of shared cultural heritage.

### Next steps

Integrate group feedback into Innovate RAP.

### Further information

Nil.

## 4.4 Consultation of Noongar Language

<b>Reporting officer</b>	Reconciliation Officer
<b>Origin of request</b>	Ongoing Agenda Item
<b>Attachments</b>	Nil.

### Purpose of the item

Continue discussion on significant renaming projects in the Town.

### Outcome

Clarification/ discussion of future opportunities.

### Discussion points

- Progress of this item in lieu of current status of RAPs

### Strategic outcomes

Social	
Community priority	Intended public value outcome or impact
S3 - Facilitating an inclusive community that celebrates diversity.	Providing spaces for community education and the development of cultural literacies
S4 - Improving access to arts, history, culture and education.	Providing opportunities for residents to engage with, promote, and learn Noongar language, whilst ensuring that the language is preserved and appropriately honoured.

### Next steps

Communicate implementation of this deliverable with relevant service areas in the Town.

### Further information

Nil.

## 4.5 Planning National Days

<b>Reporting officer</b>	Reconciliation Officer
<b>Origin of request</b>	Ongoing Agenda Item
<b>Attachments</b>	Nil

### Purpose of the item

Planning and reflection on events and celebrations for national days/weeks in the Town.

### Outcome

Seeking thoughts and feedback from the group around planning and celebrations in the Town.

### Discussion points

- National Reconciliation Week 2023
- NAIDOC Week 2023

### Strategic outcomes

Social	
Community priority	Intended public value outcome or impact
S3 - Facilitating an inclusive community that celebrates diversity.	Ensuring that the Town continues to be a place that promotes awareness, understanding and appreciation of diverse cultures.
S4 - Improving access to arts, history, culture and education.	Providing opportunities for residents to engage in events that promote cultural heritage and knowledge.

### Next steps

For the group to be engaged, consulted, and informed around the progress and planning of these days. Identification of collaboration opportunities within the Town.

### Further information

Nil.

## 4.6 Black Cockatoo Preservation

<b>Reporting officer</b>	Reconciliation Officer
<b>Origin of request</b>	Mindeera Group Member
<b>Attachments</b>	Nil

### Purpose of the item

To consider and discuss Black Cockatoo crisis and preservation as an action of Caring for Country

### Outcome

Black Cockatoo preservation is addressed across various service areas in the Town

### Discussion points

- Engaging the Town and the Community in the preservation and restoration of Black Cockatoo habitat.

### Strategic outcomes

Environment	
Community priority	Intended public value outcome or impact
EN1 - Protecting and enhancing the natural environment.	Town action in preserving and restoring Black Cockatoo habitat.

Civic Leadership	
Community priority	Intended public value outcome or impact
CL2 - Communication and engagement with the community.	Involving the Community in protecting and caring for Country as a Noongar priority.

### Next steps

Reconciliation Officer and Community Development Staff to follow up on outcomes from Mindeera discussion with relevant Town officers.

### Further information

Nil.

## **5 General business**

## 6 Actions from previous meetings

Action	Responsible Officer	Link to RAP Action(s)	Status	Comment	Close Date
Mindeera members to network with sporting groups in the Town and communicate details with the Reconciliation officer, to advance current and future, community engagement and Reconciliation partnership opportunities	Mindeera members	Rel 5	In progress		
Officers to investigate incorporating commitment to the Uluru Statement of the Heart in the development of the Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan	Reconciliation Officer	TP 2	In progress		31 March 2023
Officers to investigate budget allocation and budget options for implementing the interactive signage at Koolbardi Park in 2022-2023.	Reconciliation Officer and Manager Community Development	Res 5	Suspended until resourcing available		

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Mindeera Advisory Group member to consult with the DLGSC regarding the Mili Mili Gnarla Boodja project and opportunities to continue this project to include Noongar country situated within the Town of Victoria Park.	Mindeera Chair	Res 2	In progress		TBC
Planning to commence around further integration of reconciliation practices and processes into Town systems as part of the new RAP.	Reconciliation Officer and Senior Social Analyst	Rel 5 TP 2	In progress		31 March 2022
Mindeera members to contact Vic Park Collective in the New Year, regarding next steps in bringing the conversation, (around Jan 26) and additional engagement opportunities, to the community.	Mindeera Members	Res 1	In progress		TBC
Officers to investigate inclusion of the	Reconciliation Officer	Res 1	Completed		

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26 January as an action item in the Town's Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan.					
Officers to update Mindeera group on progress with Jirdarup Bushland Yarning Circle	Environment Officer	Rel 7	Completed		
Officers to coordinate workshop with Mindeera members and Whadjuk Cultural Advice committee to progress Albany Highway Precinct Redevelopment	Place Planning Officer and Reconciliation Officer	Rel 7	In progress		31 March 2032
Officers to work with the Town's communications team to increase the media profile of reconciliation processes and outcomes in the Town.	Reconciliation Officer and Communication Service Area	Rel 6	Ongoing		N/A
Officers to consult with Mindeera group members regarding cultural history and ecological design of Ed Millen House.	Strategic Projects Manager	Rel 7	In progress		N/A



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Officers to keep Mindeera group update on cultural research dimension.					
Officers to engage cultural heritage consultant for advice and guidance in the daylighting of the Spring and/or present plans for the spring to the Whadjuk Cultural Advice committee	Strategic Projects Manager	Rel 7	In progress		TBC
Reconciliation Officer to consider including Mindeera Spring as an action in the forthcoming Reconciliation Action Plan	Reconciliation Officer	TP 2	Completed		
Officer to provide Mindeera Group comments to the WAPC for consideration	Manager Development Services	Rel 7	Completed		
Officers to facilitate discussion with Noongar community members through outreach to	Reconciliation Officer	Op 5	In progress		31 July 2023

AEO at local schools, with the view to maximizing Noongar engagement in Town and community led projects					
Reconciliation Officer to integrate Culturally safe places as an Action in the Innovate RAP	Reconciliation Officer	TP 2	Completed		
Officers to consider Truth Telling as an Action to be included in the forthcoming Reconciliation Action Plan	Reconciliation Officer	TP 2	Completed		
Officers to consider including, celebratory, as a key component of Culturally Safe places in the forthcoming Reconciliation Action Plan.	Reconciliation Officer	TP 2	Completed		
Officers to consider including Dual Naming of the Town of Victoria Park as an Action / deliverable in the forthcoming	Reconciliation Officer	Res 5	Completed		

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Reconciliation Action Plan.					
Reconciliation Officer to progress coordination of staff awareness / education opportunity around 26 January.	Reconciliation Officer	Res 1	Completed	Resources were unavailable for a Walk on Country. An address on the trauma associated with this date for First Nations people, was given at the 24 January All Staff Meeting.	
Mindeera members to consider drafting a statement about 26 January to be shared on the Town's social media channels on this date	Mindeera Members and Reconciliation Officer	Res 1	Cancelled	Consultation was had with C-suite about this statement. A decision was reached that a statement could not be shared on social media without further direction from Council.	
Reconciliation Officer to include 26 January as an Actionable item in forthcoming Reconciliation Action Plan.	Reconciliation Officer	Res 1	Completed		
Officers to discuss community courses in Noongar	Reconciliation Officer	Res 8	In progress		July 31, 2023

language with relevant Town staff					
Officers to implement Noongar language, dual naming, and re-naming as an Action in the Town's Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan.	Reconciliation Officer	Res 5	Completed		
Mindeera member to proceed with the registration of the Mindeera Spring as a cultural heritage site, within the next six months.	Mindeera Member	Op 2	In progress		July 31, 2023

**7 Close**